

Convoy Checklist

ARs 55-29,385-55, and 600-55 and FM 21-305,21-306, and 55-30 provide guidance in convoy operations. In addition, use the checklist below to manage the risks associated with convoy operations.

- ☐ 1. Do tactical vehicle drivers have a valid Government Motor Vehicle Operator's Identification Card, Optional Form (OF) 346?
- ☐ 2. Have drivers been trained to drive in adverse weather (ice, snow, fog, rain) and difficult terrain? Blackout drive? NVGs?
- ☐ 3. Are convoy drivers provided 8 consecutive hours rest for each 10 continuous hours of driving a tactical vehicle within a 24-hour time period?
- ☐ 4. Do convoy commanders brief all drivers' assistant drivers, and senior occupants prior to the march on hazardous areas or conditions to be encountered (e.g., safe following distances, proper speed, route rest periods, and signals)?
- ☐ 5. Do drivers keep proper distances between vehicles?
- ☐ 6. Do drivers reduce speed during conditions of reduced visibility and adverse weather?
- ☐ 7. Do drivers perform before-, during-, and after-operation preventive maintenance?
- ☐ 8. Do drivers know the meaning of traffic-control signs, signals, devices, and markings used by civilian and military police?
- ☐ 9. Do all drivers know route?
- ☐ 10. Are vehicle basic-issue items, pioneer tools, highway warning devices, and fire extinguishers present on every wheeled convoy vehicle?
- ☐ 11. Are drivers of bulk-fuel transporters instructed on emergency procedures for fuel leaks?
- ☐ 12. Are vehicles that transport hazardous materials or dangerous cargo (e.g., ammunition, gasoline, flammable liquids)-
 - ☐ a. Appropriately posted with placards and loaded to meet hazard classification and compatibility requirements?
 - ☐ b. Inspected using DA Form 626: Motor Vehicle Inspection?
 - ☐ c. Equipped with two fire extinguishers appropriate for the cargo?
- ☐ 13. Are ammunition and POL cargo transported separately?
- ☐ 14. Do vehicles carrying hazardous cargo have assistant drivers?
- ☐ 15. When operating on paved roads, are radio whip antennas tied down to not less than 7 feet from the ground and antenna tips covered with protective balls?
- ☐ 16. Are service drive lights used at all times on paved public roads (blackout drive prohibited)?
- ☐ 17. When transporting personnel, do drivers-
 - ☐ a. Walk to rear of the vehicle before starting to secure the tailgate and safety strap and ensure all passengers are seated?
 - ☐ b. Adjust the tarpaulin to ensure proper ventilation (i.e., lash down the tarpaulin and front curtain in adverse weather, roll tarpaulin and secure at bar top in good weather)?
 - ☐ c. Secure baggage and other loads safely and not in the way of passengers?
 - ☐ d. Prohibit personnel from riding on outside of wheeled and tracked vehicles?
 - ☐ e. Ensure that all occupants use restraint systems when available?
- ☐ 18. Is the rear vehicle the largest and a nonpassenger-carrying vehicle?
- ☐ 19. Are ground guides used IAW AR385-55, FM 21-305 & unit SOPs?
- ☐ 20. Are rotating and flashing amber lights and convoy flags used on the first and last vehicles in the convoy?
- ☐ 21. Are vehicles marked in accordance with AR 385-55 and FM 50-30?